

THE CAMBRIDGE STATISTICS DISCUSSION GROUP

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The Large Seminar Room, Institute of Public Health,
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An Introduction to Mixed Model Splines

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Abstract: In recent years, smoothing splines have been introduced into the linear mixed model framework with the smoothing parameter estimated using residual (restricted) maximum likelihood (REML). This formulation enables flexible non-linear curves to be easily fitted in the presence of random effects and correlated errors. Several different forms of mixed model polynomial spline have been suggested: smoothing splines, P-splines and penalised splines. There are close connections between the three types of model. This talk reviews and compares these spline methods, shows the connections between the different models, and sets them within the mixed model framework.

Speaker: Sue Welham has worked at Rothamsted Research as a statistical consultant since 1987, except for a 3-year sabbatical to pursue PhD studies at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Her research interests are in REML analysis of mixed models, especially smoothing spline models and extensions to spatio-temporal data, and in developing statistical software for these methods.

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3rd May – Brian Tom (Biostatistics).

9th October – Matt Whitley (Amgen).

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